

Tennessee Events

March

Thru Dec. 31, 2009 **Knoxville.** The exhibit "Birds of the Smokies: The Art of Mark Catesby, Alexander Wilson and John James Audubon" at the Frank H. McClung Museum on the UT Knoxville campus. The exhibit includes many of the bird species that can be found in the Great Smoky Mountains National Park and features hand-colored copper plate engravings and lithographs by Catesby, Wilson and Audubon. These naturalists traveled the Southeastern United States collecting, naming and illustrating plants and animals. Info: 865-974-2144.

5-8 **Nashville.** 2009 Nashville Lawn and Garden Show at the Tennessee State Fairgrounds. An acre of live gardens center this event that features free lectures and 250 exhibit booths. Hours are 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday; 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday. Admission is charged. Info: 615-76-7680.

7 **Sycamore Shoals State Historic Area.** Traditional Arts Workshop: Making a Native American Flute. Join instructor Daniel Bigay to make a traditionally-tuned Native American Flute using native river cane. Cost is \$100 including supplies and the seminar is from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Pre-registration is required. Info: 423-543-5808.

14 **Davy Crockett Birthplace State Park.** Preening the Park. Join park staff and the Pioneer Friends Group to help clean up the park. Meet at the campground shelter at 11 a.m. Info: 423-257-2167.

21 **Frozen Head State Natural Area.** Volunteer Trail Day. Volunteers will help with trail maintenance and repair. Wear appropriate work clothing and hiking boots. Event hours are 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Info: 423-346-3318.

21-22 **Fall Creek Falls State Park.** Waterfalls Weekend. To see area waterfalls, a variety of hikes — both easy and strenuous — are planned. Info: 423-881-5708.

27-28 **Memphis.** Memphis Area Master Gardener's Spring Fling held at the Red Barn at Agricenter International. Learn more about plants and propagation at this free event. Info: 901-752-1207.

28 and April 4 **Norris Dam State Park.** Annual Spring Wildflower Hikes. Celebrate the arrival of spring with guided hikes along trails of the park and TVA Reservation. Hike hours are 10 a.m., 1 p.m., and 2 p.m. Info: 865-426-7461.

April

4 **Sycamore Shoals State Historic Area.** Traditional Arts Workshop: Making a Market Basket. Join instructor Candy Alexander in a basket-making workshop designed for any level of weaver. Hours are 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Cost is \$30 and pre-registration is required. Info: 423-543-5808.

4-5 **Fall Creek Falls State Park.** 28th Annual Spring Wildflower Pilgrimage. Explore the park and see its many wildflowers. Info: 423-881-5708.

11-12, 18-19 **Frozen Head State Park.** 41st Annual Wildflower Pilgrimage. Park rangers and special guests will lead a variety of hikes to discover and identify wildflowers. Hours are 10 a.m.-2 p.m. on Saturday and 2 p.m. on Sunday. Info: 423-346-3318.

17-19 **Warriors' Path State Park.** Spring Nature Festival. Participate in seminars taught by professionals, and hikes guided by trained naturalists. Info: 423-239-6786.

18 **Memphis.** Elmwood Cemetery Lunch and Lecture Series: The Sultana Tragedy. Share knowledge of Memphis' past with a lunch and lecture. Cost is \$10 and is required in advance. The presentation starts at noon. Info: 901-774-3212.

18 **Sycamore Shoals State Historic Area.** Landscape Seminar and Plant Auction. Native perennials, trees and shrubs are included in this auction. A 9 a.m. start is planned. Info: 423-543-5808.

18 **Tims Ford State Park.** Friends Festival. Learn more about Tennessee's flora and fauna as the Tims Ford Environmental Education Association celebrates Earth Day from 1 p.m.-5 p.m. Info: 931-962-1183.

18 **Memphis.** Elmwood Cemetery Arboretum Tours. Over 1,200 trees are on the property, some dating back to the cemetery's founding in 1856 and including past and present state champion trees. A 90-minute tour will be offered, focusing on the trees. The event starts at 10:30 a.m. Cost is \$5 per person. Info: 901-774-3212.

22 **Davy Crockett Birthplace State Park.** Earth Day Celebration. Celebrate Earth by planting a native tree on park property starting at 11 a.m. Info: 423-257-2167.

22-26 **Gatlinburg.** 59th Annual Spring Wildflower Pilgrimage. Gatlinburg is the center of all things botanical during the Great Smoky Mountains Association's Spring Wildflower Pilgrimage and National Park Experience. Everyone from the serious botanist to the weekend gardener can experience access to the nation's leading botanical experts as well as Appalachian wildlife authorities. Over 150 programs include instructional walks and guided hiking tours, demonstrations and guest lectures. Detailed information can be found on the Web site www.springwildflowerpilgrimage.org. Info: 865-436-7318.

24-25 **Fall Creek Falls State Park.** Star Party 2009. Professional and amateur astronomers will give presentations. Dark sky field viewing will be Friday and Saturday night. Info: www.CumberlandAstronomicalSociety.org.

25 **Sycamore Shoals State Historic Area.** Community Plant Exchange. Bring cuttings and potted outdoor and indoor plants to exchange for species you don't have. The event starts at 9 a.m. Info: 423-543-5808.

25 **Memphis.** Lichterman Nature Center's Earthfest. This family-friendly celebration of Earth Day includes music, a parade, environmental information, earth art activities, animal presentations, and more. Info: 901-767-7322.

25 **Sevierville.** UT Extension Service and Sevier County Master Gardeners Association Flower and Garden Show and Sale. This indoor sale of flowers, plants, shrubs is set for 9 a.m.-4 p.m. at the Sevier County Fairgrounds. Info: 865-453-3695.